(c) whether the additional assistance demanded in the current year has been provided; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) to (d) As part of the Central assistance to State plans, the Central Govt. provides additional financial assistance (ACA) to States. ACA is allocated to States both for reimbursing expenditure on Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) as well as for financing of other project specific schemes (*e.g.* Border Area Development Programme, Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana, Accelerated Power Development Programme etc.) and special problems. The allocation of ACA under different heads to a particular State in any given year is not necessarily linked to any particular demand made by a State, but is decided depending upon the specific circumstances of the State, during the Annual Plan discussions of that State between the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Chief Minister of the State. The amount of ACA allocated by the Planning Commission to the State Govts. during the last two years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is indicated in the statement (*see* below). Details of ACA allocations made in the financial year 2001-02 are not available at present.

Statement

Amount of Additional Central Assistance Allocated to States During 1999-2000 and 2000-01

(Rs. Crores)

	1999-2000	2000-01
ACA for externally aided projects	12860.74	11084.69
Other ACAs	9698.38	10471.95

Conversion of Government Schools into Military Schools in Gujarat

†2711. Dr. A. K. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has sent any proposal to the Central Government to convert Government schools functioning near the Pakistani border into military schools;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Allocation of Funds for Ayurveda

2712. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) since the Prime Minister has stated on the 28th October that funds would also be allocated for Ayurveda, Yoga and other systems of medicines in the next plan;

(b) whether the Planning Commission whould be allotting sufficient funds for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the percentage of Government's allocation in the next plan for Ayurveda, Yoga, etc. systems of medicines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) to (c) Recognizing the crucial role that ISM&H could play in the health care delivery, Planning Commission supported the creation of a separate Department of ISM&H during the Eighth Plan period to provide focused thrust in important areas and increased the allocation for ISM&H to Rs. 108.10 crores.

To assist the newly-formed Department of ISM&H to draw up the Ninth Plan proposals, separate Working Group for ISM&H was constituted by the Planning Commission. The Ninth Plan outlay for Dept. of ISM&H (Rs. 266.35 crores) was more than two and a half times the outlay provided during the Eighth Plan. During the Ninth Plan Period there had been a progressive increase in the annual outlays: Rs. 35.30 crores in 1997-98, Rs. 50 crores in 1998-99, Rs. 59.13 crores in 1999-2002, Rs. 100.00 crores in 2000-01 and Rs. 120.00 crores in 2001-02. The sum of the annual outlays (Rs. 364.43 crores) exceeded the 9th Plan outlay for the Department.

Allocation of funds during the next Plan (Tenth Plan) has not yet been finalized but every effort will be made to provide sufficient funds to Department of ISM&H.